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Louisiana Crop Prospects

Rice and soybean yields are expected to equal or exceed state records this year. Corn and Sorghum are the only major crops expected to have lower yields than in 2001.

Louisiana **rice** production is forecast at 29.4 million cwt, up 8 percent from last month, but down 2 percent from 2001. The state yield is expected to reach 5,500 cwt per acre, tying the state record set last year. Rice acreage for harvest is forecast at 535,000 acres. This is a decrease of 11,000 harvested acres from the 2001 crop.

Sugarcane production is estimated at 14.9 million net tons, unchanged from last month, but up 3 percent from last year. Yield is estimated at 30 net tons per acre, up 1 ton from last year. Acreage expected for harvest (sugar and seed) is 495,000 acres.

Cotton production is expected to total 700,000 bales, down 7 percent from last month and 32 percent from 2001. An estimated 500,000 acres are expected for harvest, 355,000 fewer than last year. Yield per acre, at 672 pounds, is 92 pounds more than in 2001.

Soybean production is expected to total 25.1 million bushels, unchanged from last month, but up 25 percent from a year ago. Acreage for harvest is forecast at 760,000 acres, up 25 percent from 2001. Yield is forecast at 33 bushels per acre, tying last year's record.

Corn production is forecast at 62.4 million bushels, up 7 percent from last month and up 37 percent from a year ago. Acreage to be harvested for grain is estimated at 480,000 acres, up 56 percent from 2001. Yield per acre, at 130 bushels, is down 18 bushels from 2001.

Sorghum production is estimated at 16.0 million bushels, unchanged from the previous estimate, but down 10 percent from last year. Acreage to be harvested for grain is forecast at 195,000 acres, down 7 percent from last year. Yield is forecast at 82 bushels per acre, 3 bushels fewer than last year.

United States Crop Prospects

U. S. Rice production is forecast at 206 million cwt, down fractionally from August, and down 3 percent from 2001. Both the rice planted acreage and acres for harvest were revised down 20,000 from last month. Rice planted acreage, at 3.23 million, and expected harvested acres, at 3.21 million, are both down 3 percent from 2001. As of September 1, the U.S. all rice yield is forecast at a record high 6,432 pounds per acre. This is up 39 pounds from the August forecast and up 3 pounds from the record yield in 2001. Louisiana's forecasted yield increased 200 pounds per acre from the August forecast as farmers reported actual yields from harvested fields. All other State yields were unchanged from August. A record yield is forecast for Texas. If realized, the Arkansas and Louisiana yield forecasts would equal their previous record high set last year.

Sugarcane production is forecast at 35.3 million tons, 1 percent below the August 1 forecast but 2 percent above last year. Sugarcane growers intend to harvest 1.02 million acres for sugar and seed during the 2002 crop year, up fractionally from last month but slightly lower than last year's final harvested acres. Yield is forecast at 34.4 tons per acre, 0.3 ton below August 1 but 0.8 ton above 2001.

Frequent rains provided adequate moisture to support sugarcane growth in Florida, Louisiana, and Texas during August. In Hawaii, favorably dry weather aided harvest, but progress remained behind schedule due to earlier rain delays.

Upland cotton harvested acreage, at 12.7 million acres, is down 2 percent from August and 7 percent less than 2001. Based on administrative information, Arkansas, Louisiana, South Carolina, and Texas all decreased harvested acreage forecasts from August expectations, while California increased their harvested acreage from the previous month. American-Pima harvested acreage, at 241,400 acres, is down 22,000 acres from last month.

Producers in the Delta States experienced better conditions than a month ago due to timely rains. However, the percent of acreage with bolls opening was behind the 5-year average. The crop is rated in mostly good condition. Objective yield data show boll counts in Arkansas and Mississippi are the second highest in the past five years. Louisiana's boll counts are the second lowest in the past five years.

Sorghum production is forecast at 384 million bushels, up

1 percent from last month but down 25 percent from last year. Based on September 1 conditions, the sorghum yield forecast is 51.0 bushels per acre, up 0.7 bushel from August but down 8.9 bushels from last year. Yield increases are expected in 4 of the top 11 producing states, mainly in the Great Plains. The yield forecast for Kansas remained unchanged from last month's forecast. Texas expects a yield of 48 bushels per acre, 2.0 bushels above last month. Area for harvest as grain is forecast at 7.53 million acres, slightly below last month and down 12 percent from 2001.

Scattered showers the first half of August relieved the drought conditions across some areas of the Great Plains. Arkansas, Oklahoma, and Texas experienced favorable weather conditions during August. Sorghum development trailed last year's crop and is also slightly behind the 5-year average. Sorghum progressed to 33 percent mature, compared to 40 percent last year and the 5-year average of 34 percent. In Texas and Louisiana, harvest was 57 and 56 percent complete, respectively, slightly behind last year. Showers within these states contributed to the delay.

Soybean production is forecast at 2.66 billion bushels, up 1 percent from August but 8 percent below 2001. Based on September 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 37.0 bushels per acre, up 0.5 bushel from last month. If realized, this would be the lowest production since 1999. Acreage for harvest is forecast at 71.8 million acres, down slightly from August and

2 percent below last year. Area expected for harvest was decreased by 230,000 acres in four states due to abandonment. The states with the largest acreage reductions are Kansas and Nebraska. Downward adjustments to harvested acres were also made in North Carolina and South Dakota. Yield prospects improved in Arkansas, Oklahoma, and across the northern Corn Belt due to mild temperatures and adequate moisture supplies. Yield prospects declined along the Ohio Valley and Atlantic Coast States due to above normal temperatures.

Corn production is forecast at 8.85 billion bushels, down less than 1 percent from last month and down 7 percent from 2001. Based on conditions as of September 1, yields are expected to average 125.4 bushels per acre, up 0.2 bushel from August but down 12.8 bushels from last year. If realized, both the yield and production would be at their lowest levels since 1995. Yields are lower than last month across much of the Corn Belt and along the Atlantic Coastal Plains as hot and dry conditions persist. However, yields are up in the northern Corn Belt, northern Great Plains, and southern Great Plains where total precipitation for the month was above normal. Farmers expect to harvest 70.5 million acres of corn for grain, down 460,000 acres from August but up 3 percent from 2001.

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Crop	Acres Expected for Harvest (000)		Forecast Yield Per Acre		Unit	Forecast Production (000)		Percent Change From 2001
	2001	2002	2001	2002		2001	2002	
Louisiana								
Corn for grain	307	480	148	130	bushels	45,436	62,400	+37
Upland Cotton	855	500	580	672	lbs: bales	1,034	700	-32
Rice	546	535	5,500	5,500	lbs: cwt	30,014	29,425	-2
Sorghum for grain	210	195	85	82	bushels	17,850	15,990	-10
Soybeans	610	760	33	33	bushels	20,130	25,080	+25
Sugarcane (sugar & seed)	495	495	29	30	net tons	14,355	14,850	+3
United States								
Corn for grain	68,808	70,541	138.2	125.4	bushels	9,506,840	8,848,529	-7
Upland Cotton	13,559.5	12,650.0	694	664	lbs: bales	19,602.4	17,505.0	-11
Rice	3,314.0	3,207.0	6,429	6,432	lbs: cwt	213,045	206,275	-3
Sorghum for grain	8,584	7,528	59.9	51.0	bushels	514,524	384,254	-25
Soybeans	73,000	71,799	39.6	37.0	bushels	2,890,572	2,655,819	-8
Sugarcane (sugar & seed)	1,028.0	1,024.1	33.6	34.4	net tons	34,587	35,264	+2

State Rankings: Harvested Acres, Selected Crops: Louisiana and 10 Leading States, 2001

Item	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	LA Rank
Corn for Grain	IA	IL	NE	MN	IN	SD	OH	KS	MO	WI	23
Upland Cotton	TX	MS	GA	AR	NC	CA	LA	TN	AL	MO	7
All Rice	AR	LA	CA	MS	TX	MO					2
Sorghum for Grain	KS	TX	NE	OK	CO	MO	LA	AR	SD	NM	7
Soybeans	IA	IL	MN	IN	MO	NE	OH	SD	AR	KS	18
Sugarcane	LA	FL	TX	HI							1
Sweet Potatoes	NC	LA	MS	CA	TX	AL	NJ	SC	VA	GA	2
All Wheat	ND	KS	MT	OK	TX	WA	CO	SD	MN	NE	30
Total Acres of Principal Crops Harvested¹	IA	IL	KS	ND	MN	NE	TX	SD	MO	IN	26

¹Crops included are corn, sorghum, oats, barley, winter wheat, rye, durum wheat, other spring wheat, rice, soybeans, peanuts, sunflowers, cotton, dry edible beans, potatoes, canola, proso millet, and sugarbeets. Includes double cropped acres and unharvested small grains planted as cover crops.

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Upland Cotton	TX	CA	MS	GA	AR	NC	LA	TN	AL	MO	7
All Rice	AR	CA	LA	MS	TX	MO					3
Sorghum for Grain	KS	TX	NE	MO	LA	OK	AR	CO	SD	IL	5
Soybeans for Grain	IA	IL	IN	MN	NE	OH	MO	SD	AR	KS	18
Sugarcane	FL	LA	HI	TX							2
Sweet Potatoes	NC	LA	CA	MS	AL	TX	NJ	VA	GA	SC	2
All Wheat	KS	ND	WA	OK	TX	MT	ID	MN	SD	CO	31

Cash Receipts From Sales, Louisiana: 2001

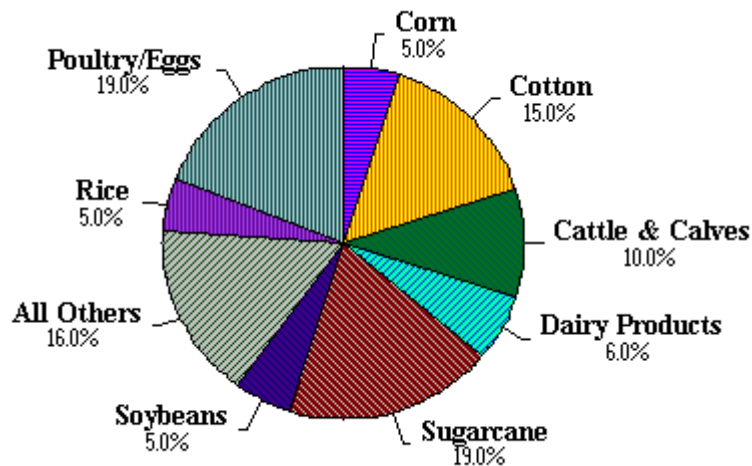
Rank	Commodity	Dollars	Percent of Total
1	Poultry & Eggs	337,423,000	18.6
2	Sugarcane	337,101,000	18.5
3	Cotton	270,611,000	14.9
4	Cattle & Calves	177,947,000	9.8
5	Dairy Products	99,200,000	5.5
6	Soybeans	90,588,000	5.0
7	Corn	86,759,000	4.8
8	Rice	84,744,000	4.7
9	Sweet Potatoes	43,692,000	2.4
10	Aquaculture	37,422,000	2.1
	All Other Commodities	251,437,000	13.8
	Total Cash Receipts	1,816,924,000	100.0

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